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Photo by 1st Lt. Rebecca Garland

USSOUTHCOM's top general visits Airmen

By Capt. Esmeralda Silvestre
12th Air Force Public Affairs

The Airmen of U.S. Southern Command Air Forces, headquartered at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, welcomed their combatant commander, Army Gen. Bantz Craddock, U.S. Southern Command commander, Jan. 18 and 19.

General Craddock, who took command in November, is responsible for all U.S. military operations in the Caribbean, Central and South America area of responsibility, with the exception of Mexico, Cuba and U.S. territories in the Caribbean.

The Southern Air Force Airmen are SOUTHCOM's air component, they are responsible for all air and space

matters in the AOR. A few years have passed since a SOUTHCOM commander has visited SOUTHAF, making Gen. Craddock's visit a much anticipated event.

"It was in our good fortune that he was able to do this early in his tenure," said Lt. Gen. Randall Schmidt, 12th Air Force and SOUTHAF commander.

The two-day orientation visit gave the recently-assigned combatant commander the opportunity to meet with his air component leadership and staff, and visit some SOUTHAF facilities. While talking to the Airmen he described SOUTHAF as, "a place with enormous energy."

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Army General Bantz Craddock, U.S. Southern Command commander, looks inside an A-10 as Lt. General Mark Schmidt, 12th Air Force commander (foreground), Ambassador Daniel Johnson, USSOUTHCOM foreign policy advisor (in civilian clothes) and Col. Kenneth Crowe, USSOUTHCOM commander's executive officer, (background) all listen to Col. Stephen Ruehl, 355th Operations Group commander (not pictured) talk about the mission capabilities of the A-10 Thunderbolt II.

355th Wing receives Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore
355th Wing Public Affairs

Air Combat Command announced Jan. 21 that the Davis-Monthan 355th Wing captured an Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for its performance from June 2002 through May 2004.

"The hard work and dedication of the 355th Wing Airmen and civilians over the past 23 months has not gone unnoticed by ACC," said Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander.

According to the ACC award notification, representatives in ACC acknowledged the efforts of all the men and women who have earned awards and distinguished themselves. These Airmen allow ACC

to continue to excel despite decreases in manpower and increasing workloads.

Some of the 355th Wing achievements during this time-frame in each of the four installation pillars include:

Developing and nurturing Airmen:

◆ During this 23-month period, personnel and programs from the 355th Wing won numerous accolades such as 15 Air Force, 74 Air Combat Command and 13 Non-appropriated fund awards.

◆ Airman from the 355th Wing have increased reenlistment rates across the board compared to non-stop loss retention rates in the Air Force.

Prepare to deploy when called:

◆ The 355th Wing deployed 3,632 Airmen and

Soldiers, in addition to more than 10,000 tons of cargo, to support four contingencies and six Air and Space Expeditionary Forces in support of Operations Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

◆ Wing Airmen led ACC in the fiscal 2003 flying hours program by flying more than 33,000 hours. This accomplishment blew away the nearest competing ACC program by more than 7,000 hours and logging more than 1,600 sorties.

Ready to fight when ordered:

◆ The 355th Wing deployed 20 aircraft to Al Jaber Air Base, Kuwait and Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan.

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The January Davis-Monthan Air Force Base time line in hours as of Jan. 24

Squadron	Aircraft	Goal	Flown	Squadron	Aircraft	Goal	Flown
41st ECS	EC-130	206.6	61.4	162nd OSB	Various	171.0	199.8
43rd ECS	EC-130	205.0	151.8	354th FS	A-10	852.4	765.5
55th RQS	HH-60	196.9	139.0	357th FS	A-10	726.0	528.9
79th RQS	C-130	137.0	122.9	358th FS	A-10	724.0	548.4

American Red Cross blood drive

The Red Cross will host a blood drive Monday at the D-M Community Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help set up Monday from 8 to 9 a.m. For more information about donating or volunteering, contact Lydia Parker at 228-3204.



Photo by 1st Lt. Rebecca Garland

Usually it's Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, who passes out the commander's coins, but this time, he was on the receiving end. Army Gen. Bantz Craddock, U.S. Southern Command commander, presented Colonel Spencer with his SOUTHCOM commander's coin for hosting the U.S. SOUTHCOM staff Jan. 18 and 19.

DoD changes Boy Scout policy

Question: I heard that the Department of Defense has issued changes to the policy of supporting Boy Scout troops. Is this true? If so, how will it effect the Boy Scout troops at D-M and around Tucson that visit the base? Is this something the Boy Scouts have to worry about?

Answer: Boy Scouts do not need to worry

about the support from Davis-Monthan. Recently, the Pentagon and the American Civil Liberties Union settled a dispute about DoD support of Scout packs and troops. Since then, we have received no new policy guidance from DoD to alter the support we provide.

Scouting organizations, as well as civic organizations, can use installation facilities (recreation center, fitness center, FAM CAMP, dining facility, etc.) provided they have a DoD sponsor. At times, our mission requirements will take priority and may require us to deny a request.

As a partner to the Tucson and Southern Arizona communities, Davis-Monthan is proud to host Boy Scout or Girl Scout packs or troops, or any other civic or organization at our installation with a DoD sponsor, as our resources permit. Thank you for your concern of keeping Boy Scouts involved at D-M.

Weight/fitness standards

Comment: A recent article ran in a local paper concerning an individual in the Army who was going to be discharged for failure to meet weight standards even though he had an exemplary military career. The Air Force does not have equivalent weight standards to the Army according to the article. What is the current Air Force standard on weight control?

Response: The article was correct, the Air Force no longer has "weight standards," as the Army classified them in the article. In 2004, the Air Force implemented a new fitness program

that replaced the old cycle ergometry program and the Weight/Body Fat Management Program.

The article you refer to did not give justice to the importance of each of the aspects of the test. Each portion of the test, aerobic endurance, muscular strength, and body composition, award points which add up for the overall score. That score, ranging from 0 to 100, indicates the overall fitness level of the Airman. An Airman must score greater than 75 points to receive a fitness score of "Good," which is the goal all our Airmen should meet or exceed. Airmen who score less than 75 points are enrolled in several mandatory programs to help them achieve a higher level of fitness and are also required to test more often to track their improvements.

As members of the military, a professional appearance is essential to maintain good order and discipline. While the old weight standards were eliminated, in essence, personal appearance is measured with the body composition test (measurement of the waist) contributing to the overall score. The emphasis of the new fitness program is to ensure our Airmen are ready to deploy when called and fight when ordered.

Agency numbers

AAFES Agencies.....	228-3904	Inspector General.....	228-3558
Accounting and Finance.....	228-4964	Legal.....	228-6432
Chaplain.....	228-5411	Lodging.....	228-4845
Civil Engineering.....	228-3401	Military and Civilian Equal	
Clinic.....	228-2930	Opportunity Office.....	228-5509
Commissary.....	228-3116	Military Personnel.....	228-5689
Family Support.....	228-5690	Public Affairs.....	228-3204
Fitness and Sports Center.....	228-0022	Security Forces.....	228-6178
Haefner Fitness Center.....	228-3714	Services.....	228-5596
Housing Office.....	228-3687	Transportation.....	228-3584



Photo by Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

The 355th Communications Squadron provides combat-ready communications, computer, network and visual information management services to the 355th Wing, 12th Air Force and the D-M community. Some 180 members support the wing's warfighting mission and are responsible for deployment support of the wing's Air and Space Expeditionary Force mission.

The squadron is divided into four flights. The Information Systems Flight has more than 80 communications and information specialists who make up the base network security, infrastructure and system administration branches and the automated data processing branch. The Mission Systems Flight is responsible for maintaining base communications systems, fixed and deployed. The support flight provides multimedia communications and information management support to D-M. The consolidated multimedia support center includes base graphics, the base photo lab, video documentation and the multimedia equipment maintenance facility. The Plans Flight manages the architecture and integration of D-M's command, control, communications and computer systems by identifying strategic short- and long-range communications plans, providing customer service for C4 requirements and implementing base-wide C4 projects.

Airman 1st Class Kyle Strickland, 355th Communications Squadron, adjusts side-band only power for radiated signal for centerline on the runway.



Team D-M Mission Spotlight

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CRIME & Punishment

The following are some of the incidents the 355th Security Forces Squadron handled from Jan. 1 through 20.

Patrol response: assault

A senior airman telephoned the Security Forces Control Center to report a physical altercation between himself and his dependent spouse. The security forces investigation revealed the senior airman and spouse had a verbal dispute which elevated to physical contact. No injuries were documented. The Tucson Police Department was notified and transported both individuals to Pima County Adult Detention Center.

Patrol response: attempted suicide

A witness called security forces to report two personnel acting suspiciously outside of their residence. The security forces investigation revealed the individuals were a staff sergeant and his dependent spouse, who were involved in a verbal dispute. The disagreement resulted in the spouse ingesting an unknown amount of pills. Tucson Medical and Tucson Fire were notified. The spouse was transported to St. Joseph's Hospital.

Patrol Response: domestic dispute

A master sergeant telephoned the SFCC to report a possible assault. The security forces investigation revealed an airman first class and his dependent spouse had an argument concerning their dependent son. The verbal altercation elevated to a physical confrontation which resulted in minor injuries to the airman first class and damage to personal property. The TPD was notified and the responding officer detained the spouse and transported her to Pima County Detention.

Patrol response: suspicious personnel

The visitor control center notified the SFCC that three unauthorized civilians were requesting entry to the installation. The security forces investigation revealed the personnel were claiming to have information regarding Iraqi missile attacks. The TPD and Office of Special Investigation were notified. The TPD detained and removed the individuals.

Patrol response: unauthorized material and possible theft

A technical sergeant telephoned the SFCC to report finding unauthorized material within an airman first class's dormitory room. The security forces investigation revealed the airman had stolen property and unauthorized material within his room. Material seized included 43 rounds of 7.62 ammunition, nine rounds of 7.62 tracer ammunition, a Walther PPK 4.5mm handgun and various BB-gun and paintball items.

Patrol Response: weapons violation

An airman first class telephoned the SFCC to report a handgun located in a vehicle parked outside of the commissary. A Security Forces investigation revealed the handgun was properly registered and that it was not loaded. The owner of the handgun was briefed on proper installation weapon procedures and was escorted off the installation.

DUI: civilian

A civilian attempted to enter the installation via the Craycroft Road Gate. A Security Forces gate guard stopped the vehicle and notified the SFCC of a possible DUI. The TPD was contacted and a TPD officer conducted a breath analysis on the subject which showed a blood alcohol content of .224. The subject was arrested and transported to Pima County Detention Center.

Security reminder

During the past fiscal year, unsecured facilities were a problem area for the 355th Wing. When a facility is found unsecured, 355th Security Forces personnel must secure the facility and stand-by for the arrival of a building custodian to assist in clearing the inside of the facility. This can lead to a patrol being "tied-up" and unable to respond to other calls as well as building personnel being called out in the middle of the night. So far during Fiscal 2005, the wing is fairing much better. To help ensure this trend continues, ensure all facility doors and windows are properly secured prior to leaving for the day.

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Airmen were saved from the consequences of driving under the influence by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31.

Call AADD at
850-2233

10 p.m. to 3 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 4 p.m. to midnight Sundays for a ride.



Emergency Numbers

Ambulance.....	911	Base Operations.....	228-4315
Casualty Assistance.....	228-3686	Mortuary Officer.....	228-5964 or 4414
(After duty hours).....	228-3121	(After duty hours).....	228-3121
Duty Chaplain.....	228-5411	Command Post.....	228-7400
(After duty hours).....	228-3517	355th Security Forces Crime Stop.....	228-4444
Fire Reporting.....	911	Safety.....	228-5558
Public Affairs.....	228-3204	(After duty hours).....	909-0316
(After duty hours).....	228-7400	Base locator.....	228-3347
Fraud Waste and Abuse.....	228-3177	TIPS Line.....	228-TIPS (8477)

News Notes

Vehicle decals

All 2004 vehicle decals must be replaced by Monday. New decals are available at the pass and registration office Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at the Craycroft Visitors' Center Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. No one with an expired decal will be allowed on base after Monday.

Water outage

A water outage is schedule to occur from 10 p.m. Monday through 1 a.m. Tuesday. The outage will affect Buildings 5243, 5244, 5250, 5251, 5255, 5245, 5418, 5420, 5422, 5423, 5426 and 5430. The outage is required to repair a water line and replace a broken valve. For more information, call the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron at 228-3171.

TRICARE information table

A TRICARE information table will be set up at the commissary Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Representatives from the 355th Medical Group's TRICARE flight, TRICARE service center and active duty and retiree dental will be on hand to answer questions and provide information.

Pass and registration closure

The pass and registration office will close Feb. 4 for upgrades. The Craycroft Visitors' Center can supply passes and decals.

MSS closure

The 355th Mission Support Squadron will close for training Feb. 4 at 11:30 a.m. The customer service area will remain open to issue IDs and more.

Scholarships

The D-M Officers' and Enlisted Spouses Associations offer scholarships for high school seniors or spouses of Active-Duty, retired, Guard or Reserve servicemen and women living in the Pima County area. Scholarships are also available for dependents of deceased servicemen and women. Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 28. For more information, call 228-4815, 228-5690, 228-3717, 228-6463 or contact Dawn Isherwood at 745-1157 or at dawnish2@aol.com.

Town hall meeting

A town hall meeting will take place March 2 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Desert Lightning Community Center. For more information, call Carol Mares at 228-6609.

Terrorism history

Jan. 28, 1982 the Turkish consul general to the U.S. was assassinated in Los Angeles by members of a group calling itself the "Justice Commandos for the Armenian Genocide."



Courtesy photo

An American flag flies over a Logistics Readiness Squadron convoy in Iraq. Airmen from the 355th LRS led the first Air Force convoy in combat conditions.

Training, dedication earns vehicle ops 'Team of Year'

By Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy
355th Wing Public Affairs

One Bronze Star, eight Army Commendation Medals, Air Force Commendation Medals and Air Force Achievement Medals are just a few of the decorations the Davis-Monthan vehicle operations Airmen have brought home from deployments. In addition, as an Air Force career field they have earned the title of 2005 Team of the Year.

Each year the Air Force Association selects a specific enlisted career field for recognition. This selection is representative of enlisted professionals who have clearly displayed superior technical expertise, attracted the praise of their superiors and provided leadership and inspiration to their coworkers.

"The (chief master sergeant of the Air Force) and (major command chief master sergeant) convened to select the enlisted career field whose professionals reflect and display the highest degree the elements cited above," said Chief Master Sgt. Timothy Tate, vehicle operations career field manager in Washington, D.C. "The vehicle operations (2T1XX) career field has clearly distinguished itself as a team of professionals capable of meeting mission challenges taking numerous forms.

Davis-Monthan Airmen were the first in the vehicle operations career field making a difference.

"We have some incredible young troops doing amazing things, things that are changing the way people think about the Vehicle Operations career field," said Tech. Sgt. Hector Herrera, 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle operations supervisor. "Even more importantly it's literally changing the face of our career field and what our mission and training requirements will be in the future. It also shows how the Air Force truly is an expeditionary agile combat force. We were the first Air Force vehicle operators to conduct convoys in a

combat zone, we are the first vehicle operators to conduct joint convoy operations with the Army and most important of all we are doing it extremely well."

"Since assuming this mission one year ago, vehicle operators have applied and integrated superior technical skill with ground combat skills necessary to achieve astounding mission success," Chief Tate said. "Identifying, teaching, learning and applying the necessary combat skills was an apparent uphill climb, but these professionals rose to the challenge and proved we possess fundamentals that pervade the Air Force's entire enlisted corps through superior leadership, followership, discipline and flexibility."

Though the vehicle operations career field has received recognition for what they have accomplished out in the field, the Airmen have also worked in other areas.

"Although combat convoy operations are a significant part of our mission performance and preparation, there are many other mission aspects of what our vehicle operators support often going unnoticed," Chief Tate said. "Just to highlight a couple, the support we provided for the Presidential Inauguration and continued home station operations. We had a very talented contingent of vehicle operators preparing for and supporting the Presidential Inauguration (Jan. 20). These professionals were behind the scenes ensuring that virtually every ground transportation support detail was rehearsed and flawlessly performed."

Whether out in the field or preparing for the Presidential Inauguration, Airmen work together to achieve their specific mission regardless of their locations.

"It's a team effort," Sergeant Herrera said. "You can't run a single convoy without acting as a team. But it goes deeper than that, if home station doesn't step it up, making sure the troops are trained and ready, the home mission fails and it affects the de-

ployed personnel. In addition, our steady state (Air and Space Force) deployments are all six months long so those folks are also bearing a significant load, those who are home help take care of their deployed personnel's families."

"If any part of the team fails it could all fall apart," Sergeant Herrera said.

"I believe there's no greater honor to a career field than to receive recognition as AFA Team of the Year," Chief Tate said. "Although the Team of the Year Award culminates the past year's accomplishments, the vehicle operations career field has always been behind the scenes ensuring flawless mission accomplishment."

"This award truly reflects the sacrifice all vehicle operators had to make for the convoy support missions to be a success," Sergeant Herrera said. "For the deployed personnel (the vehicle operators career field) had at least two vehicle operators pay the ultimate sacrifice, both killed in action conducting convoy (operations), several Purple Hearts, countless numbers of personnel have missed their children being born and then of course all the birthdays, holidays, anniversaries (and so forth). Bottom line, all of us deployed and at homestation have sacrificed quite a bit. But we're proud to play such an important role and it does feel good to be recognized for it."

In addition to receiving this award, five Airmen will also have an opportunity to represent the vehicle operators career field as a whole.

"In March, we'll select five Airmen to represent the career field during the AFA's Team of the Year ceremony," Chief Tate said. "During the ceremony, the representatives of the career field will receive a token of recognition from AFA commemorating vehicle operations' selection as Team of the Year. We'll select the five representatives from nominations submitted by each major command, field operating agency and direct reporting unit."

OSC holds gala to provide scholarships for D-M

By Stephanie Ritter
355th Wing Public Affairs

The Officers' Spouses' Club at Davis-Monthan will sponsor a charity gala April 16 to raise money for scholarships for military dependents wishing to continue their education.

The gala is an example of how the OSC strives to nurture base, local and international communities.

"Among other things, the Officers' Spouses' Club works to raise money for a variety of charitable organizations throughout the year," said Carolyn Kincaid, OSC gala co-chair. "For example, we recently donated \$500 to the Red Cross for tsunami relief. But one of our main focuses is raising funds for scholarships. The gala is our big event of the year to help us do that."

In 2004, the gala raised more than \$12,000. This year, the organization hopes to top that goal.

"The theme for this year's gala is Sentimental Journey," said Elizabeth Kramlinger, OSC gala co-chair. "The event will kick off with cocktails and a silent auction. Then, there will be a four course meal and a live auction followed by an 18-piece big band."

According to Mrs. Kincaid, the band, called Big Band Sounds of Green Valley, donated their time and talents for the event.

"It was an extremely generous donation," Mrs.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Lanie McNeal

Peter Delilo, 355th Civil Engineering Squadron, shows Senior Airman Jarrett Valentine, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, and his wife, Margarita, the proper way to install a child car safety seat. The Officer's Spouses Club donates child seats to D-M Airmen.

Kramlinger said. "Saving the cost of the band will allow us to give out two additional scholarships."

The band is not the only donated item for the event.

"All of the items for the auctions have been donated," Mrs. Kramlinger said. "Last year there were more than 150 items donated. So far this year we have a lot of great items including paintings, a University of Arizona basketball signed by all of the players, jewelry and much more."

However, the OSC is still hoping to gather additional items for the gala.

"We have received a lot of gift certificates so we are really in need of some more physical items," Mrs. Kincaid said. "We are looking for items including sculptures, electronics like DVD players or music file players, sporting goods and home décor but we would appreciate any items."

The OSC hopes the atmosphere of the evening combined with all of the items up for bid will help increase the money raised this year.

"Due to the construction at The Mirage Officers' Club, this year's gala will be at the Pima Air and Space Museum," Mrs. Kincaid said. "People will literally be dining under the wing of a B-29."

Another change to this year's event is the introduction of corporate sponsorship.

"We have four levels of sponsorship from bronze all the way to platinum," Mrs. Kincaid said. "Everyone is recognized during the gala depending on what level they donate at."

Those interested in attending the Officers' Spouses' Club Charity Gala must contact Mrs. Kramlinger at 747-3037 or Mrs. Kincaid at 514-0948 no later than Feb. 25 for reservations.

Anyone interested in donating items for the auction, corporate sponsorship, or additional information about the event or the OSC can contact Mrs. Kramlinger or Mrs. Kincaid at the above numbers.

Survey will help improve services on D-M

Story and photo by Chris Sweeny
355th Services Squadron

Over the next few weeks, approximately 1,800 members of the Davis-Monthan community will receive a form in the mail called the Annual Services Customer Feedback survey.

This annual survey is an Air Force services initiative that provides information from customers on how well services squadrons are meeting their quality objectives.

"Survey participants will be selected randomly and consist of active duty, Department of Defense civilians and retirees," said Jeff Carney, 355th SVS marketing director. "Packages were mailed in mid-January and should go directly to duty locations for active-duty and DoD personnel. A pre-addressed return envelope will be included. Retirees will receive their surveys at home and will be provided with a postage-paid return envelope."

"The survey is important because it will allow us to evaluate customer satisfaction with the quality of service, facilities, equipment, value and overall activity for the 20 services



Airman 1st Class Mark Rose (left) and Airman 1st Class Zachary Rule, both from the 355th Component Maintenance Squadron, change the oil and transmission fluid in Airman Rose's truck at the Davis-Monthan Auto Skills Center.

programs on D-M," said Major Christopher Lavallee, 355th Services Squadron commander. "One of our goals at Davis-Monthan is for everyone to view D-M services as their first preferences for community programs and services. To help us accomplish this goal, we need your feedback."

"Services programs help increase

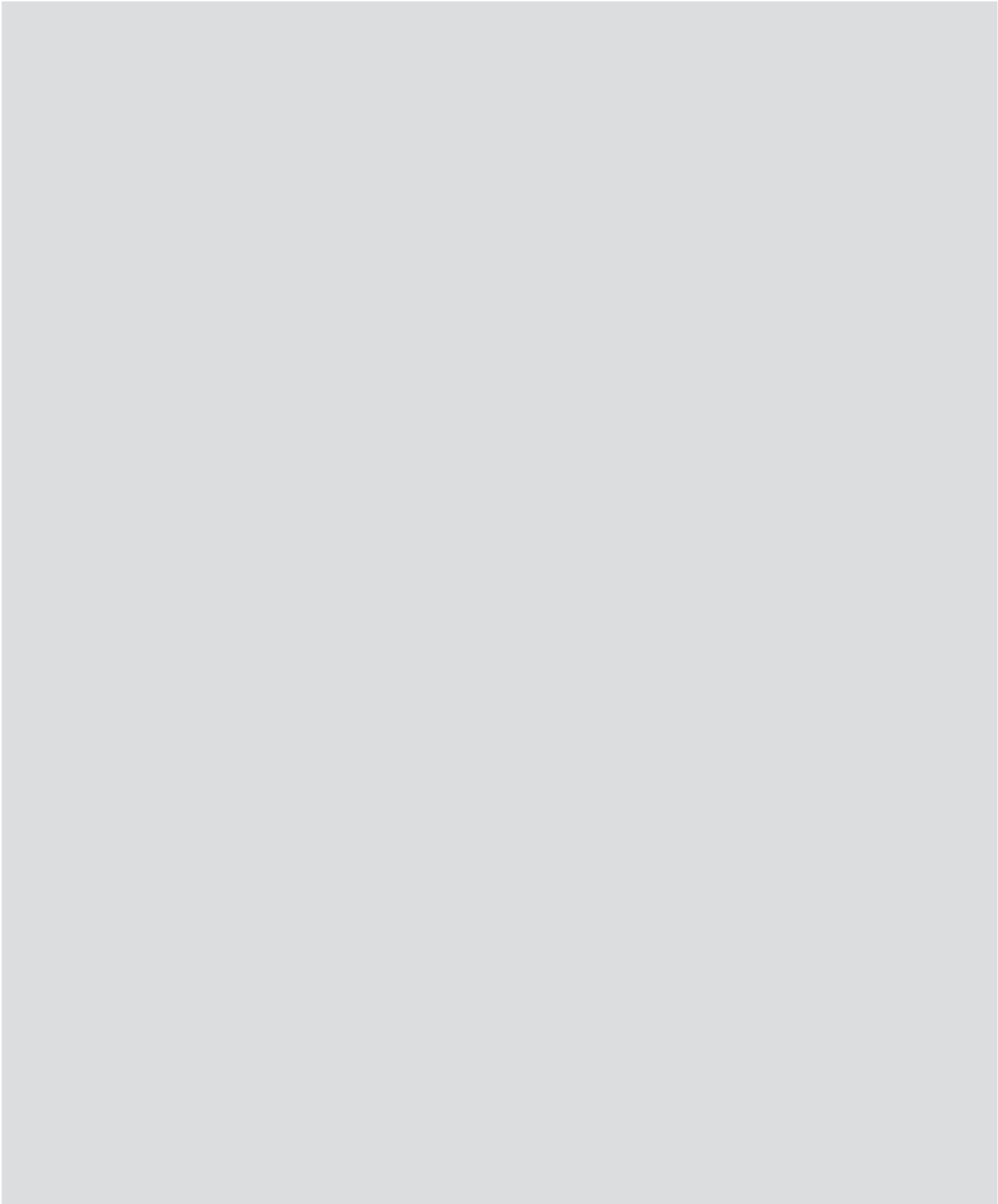
combat capability and improve productivity through programs promoting readiness, esprit de corps and quality of life for Air Force people," Major Lavallee said. "We already feel we are providing the utmost in quality service and programs for our customers, but if we're not, or you think we may need improvement in

any area, we want to know about it."

Some examples of the services and activities in the survey are the fitness centers, outdoor recreation, auto skills center, child development centers, clubs memberships and club dining, community center, dining facility and more. The survey also assesses the overall services organization, defines population characteristics and compares customer perceptions of satisfaction to importance for 15 service quality attributes. Results will be used to help services managers identify areas of customer dissatisfaction and assist services in developing corporate standards and training requirements.

"Please take the time to fill out and return the survey," Major Lavallee said. "It's important for survey participants to ask family members for their inputs on services programs they've participated in. Help the D-M Services staff make a difference in the programs they offer to you, your family and to the entire Davis-Monthan community."

For more information, call 228-5950 or 228-7352.



AFOSI seeks new special agents

Retraining allows Airmen to become 'Eyes for the Eagle'

Much like Jack Bauer from the television show "24," Air Force Office of Special Investigations agents hunt down those who attempt to harm Americans.

Military members interested in cross training into a challenging and rewarding career field should look no further than becoming a special agent with the AFOSI.

Recruiters from headquarters AFOSI will conduct a briefing at Davis-Monthan Feb. 7 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Individuals who attend the Feb. 7 briefing need to bring a record's review record on individual personnel with them, which can be requested from unit orderly rooms.

Spouses are encouraged to attend the briefing. Follow-up interviews will be scheduled for Feb. 8 from 8 to 10 a.m.

Senior airmen with less than six years time in service and staff sergeants through master sergeants with outstanding records and fewer than 12 years of military service are eligible to become AFOSI members. Security forces members who are staff sergeant selects through master sergeant are also eligible. Senior airmen must be in their cross training window — 35 through 43 months for four-year enlistees and 59 through 67 months for six-year enlistees. Members should have at least 18 months time-on-station, however this is waiverable.

Officers must have less than 12 years total active federal military service and less than six years total active federal commission service to apply. In addition, the Air Force Personnel Center must agree to release officer applicants in order to apply. For

more information, visit <http://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/osi/crossflow.htm>.

Every special agent is a volunteer. Special agents form a highly-trained team that investigate crimes against persons and property; defeat and deter base-level and contract fraud; combat threats to information systems and technologies and provide the Air Force counterintelligence support for its force protection mission.

Applicants with foreign language, computer and technical skills are highly sought after by the AFOSI.

For more information on AFOSI special agent duties, visit <http://public.afosi.amc.af.mil> or contact the AFOSI detachment at 228-5168.

(Information courtesy of headquarters AFOSI.)



Visit

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The energy was apparent in both the host and the visitors.

"General Craddock and his command staff were eager and interested to learn about the air and space component and the relationship between the Air Force and SOUTHAF," General Schmidt said.

General Craddock and his team received the 12th Air Force and SOUTHAF mission brief, toured the base, visited the interim combined air operations center, dined at the Desert Inn dining facility and saw an aerial demonstration by the 'Air Combat Command F-16 West Coast Demonstration Team,' from the 388th Fighter Wing, a 12th Air Force wing.

In addition to the official business, the host and visiting generals surprised a combined Air and Space Operations Center Airman with a Stripes for Exceptional Performers promotion to master sergeant.

"It was truly a shock and definitely



Photo by 1st Lt. Rebecca Garland

The 12th Air Force commander, the chief of staff and the command chief, along with the 355th Wing commander, salute Army Gen. Bantz Craddock, U.S. Southern Command commander, as his G-5 aircraft departs Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Jan. 19. General Craddock spent two days visiting 12th Air Force and D-M.

an honor to have the 12th Air Force and SOUTHCOM commanders pin me on," said new Master Sgt. David Sprague, superintendent of international clearances, SOUTHAF air mobility division.

The visit kept the SOUTHCOM team busy, but that did not stop General Craddock from praising SOUTHAF's combat readiness.

"I think you are doing exactly what you need to be relevant," the

general said. "The energy is apparent ... you are going to hear your phone ring a lot."

He also highlighted some of their 2004 accomplishments like their participation in Haiti, which he referred to as a model.

"If there's a textbook model of how to keep a peacetime operation going — that's probably it," the general said.

Another event the general commented on was the support SOUTHAF provided in Santiago, Chile during the president's participation in the Asian-Pacific Economic Conference which he simply described as "well done."

Additionally, General Craddock applauded SOUTHAF's work with the AOC, commando solo, numerous exercises and for hosting him.

"I appreciate the opportunity to be here — it's been superb," General Craddock said.

As the Army general expressed his appreciation for being here, the SOUTHAF commander gave all the credit for a successful visit to the Airmen of the 355th Wing and 12th Air Force.

Award

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stan during AEF 5 which flew with 100 percent sortie effectiveness.

◆ Airmen from the Wing's 355th Logistic Readiness Squadron led the first ever Air Force fuels convoy in combat conditions. The 355th LRS Airmen covered more than 800 miles into Iraq during OIF.

Installation Stewardship:

◆ The 355th Wing completed numerous state-of-the-art construction projects during this time-frame including the 355th Medical Group clinic, the Finley Child Development Center, the new Sports

and Fitness Center, the aquatic center and more.

◆ The 20-person Elite Guard joined Airmen and Soldiers to create a 'first look' vision, security and service for the installation.

"The accomplishments of the 355th Wing over this time show that when our men and women set their minds to accomplishing a task as a team, we are unstoppable," Colonel Spencer said. "I am thankful everyday for the hard work, dedication and the sacrifices made by every member of the Desert Lightning Team."

Airmen man the gun truck during a convoy in Iraq. Members of the 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron were a part of the convoy while deployed from Davis-Monthan in support of the war against terrorism.



Courtesy photo

'We go where you go'

By Ellen Johnson
Army Air Force Exchange Service

A Davis-Monthan Army and Air Force Exchange employee deployed to Iraq proving when it comes to supporting troops the AAFES logo "We Go Where You Go," holds true.

Larry Lussier, AAFES maintenance mechanic, deployed in June for a six month AAFES rotation.

"We Go Where You Go," was the slogan created by the AAFES which has been constant since the organization was formed. This attitude is a reason the company has existed for more than 109 years.

"A key factor to the success and longevity of AAFES has always been the loyal, dedicated people they employ and their commitment to serve the military community," said Darryl Porter, AAFES general manager.

This is able to happen because of people like Mr. Lussier who accepted the challenge when the call for volunteers to deploy was placed.

Initially, Mr. Lussier was apprehensive about his deployment.

"When I first arrived in Baghdad,

I felt somewhat displaced," Mr. Lussier said. "I missed my family, friends and co-workers, the convenience of my own shower and simply driving to the local (convenience store). Then I met other AAFES employees who were a part of the facility maintenance office crew and that made a difference."

When it came to making the decision to deploy or not, Mr. Lussier reflected on his past.

"Having served in the military, I wanted to do my part in giving the troops a touch of home," Mr. Lussier said. "My mission was to do whatever was within my power to make things better for the troops, whether it was making repairs, building a facility or stocking shelves."

During his deployment the moment that stands out to him above the rest was working on a crew enlarging a stage for Wayne Newton.

"Although it started out being work, it ended with a live concert with Wayne himself and it just doesn't get any better than that," Mr. Lussier said.

Employees of AAFES are deployed world wide working to make troops feel at home where every they are.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Matthew Lohr

Defending the perimeter

KIRKUK, Iraq – Airman Amanda Nelson, 506th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, scours the Kirkuk Air Base perimeter with her PVS 14 night vision scope. While deployed, security forces Airmen like Airman Nelson worked 14-hour shifts guarding the base from possible Iraqi insurgents. Airman Nelson is deployed from Davis-Monthan's 355th Security Forces Squadron.

Icing on the cake

Master sergeant shares personal experience regarding promotions, importance of recognizing Airmen

Master Sgt. Brian Blangsted
355th Wing Public Affairs

It is commonly said technical sergeant is the hardest stripe to make. As a retrained staff sergeant in the communications career field, my technical sergeant stripe was proving to be a real bear to achieve.

After years of trying, I was upset to see I had missed technical sergeant yet again. However, after receiving my score notice that year, I was surprised to see I had missed tech. sergeant by .002; less than a point.

As I read further, I realized my Commendation Medal was not factored into my score.

It seemed technical sergeant was within my grasp, but I just had to figure out how to fix the error.

My former supervisor at the time, noncommissioned officer in charge of interim ground deployment station, confirmed he had written my medal at the time of my permanent change of station, and was shocked I had not received it. He said it was approved and was forwarded through our detachment headquarters at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas.

My supervisor, NCOIC of status, control, alerting and reporting system at Allied Tactical Air Forces, at my new assignment at Italian North Atlantic Treaty Organization, took the time to research who would have received my medal. He helped me get in touch with the right office at Kelly and let me speak to the folks in charge.

“Take time to properly recognize deserving troops. It could make a world of difference in their careers.”

-Master Sgt. Brian Blangsted
355th Wing public affairs

At the headquarters, a new arrival, a staff sergeant at awards and decorations, said she would look into it.

She said she was new, but she would give this 100 percent of her attention.

After a few weeks, that staff sergeant found documentation showing the medal had been approved and passed through her office. She suspected the individual, who had retired prior to her arrival, did not take care of business as she was finding other discrepancies besides my missing medal.

She filled me in on all the details and promised she would get in touch with the Air Force Personnel Center to see if they would help straighten out the problem.

After months of updates from the staff sergeant at Kelly, I received a call at my home from her.

“We did it!” she said, “They’ve accepted your medal! You’re gonna put on Tech!”

My wife and I were in tears. We could not believe it. All the studying and hoping for good news paid off and now I was finally getting my stripe.

But it gets better. I realized she went above and beyond the call of duty to help me. She could have not acted and simply let my problem go, because the missing medal was not something from her tenure. Instead, she stepped up to the plate and took care of business for a complete stranger, thousands of miles away. So in return for her acts, I wrote her an Achievement Medal.

Working from experience, I followed up on the medal to ensure she received it. And wouldn’t you know it, she had not seen it, so her commander asked me to personally mail the package to him and he would take care of it.

About a year later I got a phone call. On the line was the familiar voice of that same staff sergeant at Kelly.

“Hey Sergeant Blangsted, I just had to call you,” she said. “You won’t believe it.”

She had piqued my curiosity.

“I made technical sergeant!” I congratulated her as she kept talking, “I was looking at my score card and you know what? I made technical sergeant by one point, the one point I got from the medal you wrote for me.”

Talk about icing on the cake!

What is the moral of the story? Take time to properly recognize deserving troops. It could make a world of difference in their careers.

D-M Volunteer Program offers tickets to see “The Cisco Kid”

The Davis-Monthan Volunteer Program will sponsor an event to the Gas Light Theater Feb. 27 at 3 p.m. The Gas Light Theater will present ‘The Cisco Kid,’ a musical melodrama. Doors will open at 2:15 p.m. and tickets are \$20 each. All proceeds from the show will benefit the D-M Annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet. During the event, \$300 in door prizes will be given away. The deadline to purchase tickets is Feb. 4. For information regarding the showing, contact the Davis-Monthan Family Support Center at 228-5690.

Final Answer ————— How has the fitness boot camp class most improved your health?



**Staff Sgt.
Carmen Contreras**
12th Information
Warfare Flight

"The fitness boot camp has helped me lose weight and inches. I'm not as stressed out, and I feel better about myself. My self-confidence has also improved since starting the class."



**Major
Gary Abbott**
355th Aerospace
Medicine Squadron

"The fitness boot camp has helped me improve my overall health. My attitude toward physical fitness has also changed. I have overcome knee pain and can now participate in squadron activities."



**Staff Sgt.
Celina Mallison**
355th Communications
Squadron

"Before I started the class, I could barely jog a single lap around the track. Now I'm building my strength and stamina to better my fitness test score. I've seen improvement in my pushups and sit-ups. I did a practice test the other day and I'm close to maxing my sit-up points."



**Staff Sgt.
Scott Tone**
355th Medical
Support Squadron

"The fitness boot camp has benefited my health by enabling me to get a higher fitness test score, lower heart rate and a good amount of weight loss."



**Staff Sgt.
Edwin Weisinger**
612th Air
Communications
Squadron

"Other than an increased energy level, fitness boot camp has decreased my fat percentage by four percent within the last three weeks, my endurance level has increased and I'm no longer gasping for air after a 30 minute run."



**Staff Sgt.
Toby Marsh**
358th
Fighter Squadron

"Fitness boot camp has helped me by improving my physical well-being. It has also helped me to just feel good about myself as well as helping to improve my mental confidence."

D-M announces 4th quarter award winners

Congratulations to the following individuals who were named the fourth quarterly award winners for October through December in their respective areas at the Base theater Jan. 13:

Company Grade Officer of the Quarter

Capt. Cynthia Cohen,
355th Medical Group

Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter

Master Sgt. James Green, 355th MDG

Noncommissioned

Officer of the Quarter

Staff Sgt. Stacy Boos,
355th Mission Support Group

Airman of the Quarter

Senior Airman Jon Safran,
563rd Rescue Group

Senior Civilian Employee of the Quarter

James Knoll, 12th Air Force

Intermediate Civilian

Employee of the Quarter

Darren Felish, 355th MSG

Junior Civilian Employee of the Quarter

Angie Davis, 355th MSG

Board selects medical and dental promotions

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFP) — The Medical and Dental Central Selection Board selected 67 lieutenant colonels, 144 major and 400 captains from across the Air Force for promotion.

The board considered 1,331 officers.

The complete list of medical and dental officer's selected in the most recent promotion board is available at the Air Force Personnel Center's Web site. Those inter-

ested in viewing the list can visit www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/offprom/.

Congratulations to the following Airmen from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base's 355th Medical Operations Squadron who were selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel and major:

Major Richard Quintana

Capt. Renee Li Cevey

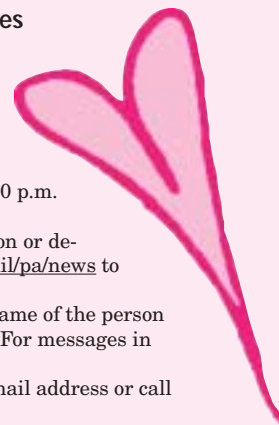
Send Valentine's Day messages to loved ones

Every year, the *Desert Airman* offers a section for Valentine's Day messages for the Desert Lightning team. Messages may be sent to any D-M member or from a Desert Lightning member to their family and friends. Individuals interested in sending a Valentine's Day message should send it to desert.airman@dm.af.mil no later than 4:30 p.m. Monday.

Messages may be sent by or to any Airman at home station or deployed. The *Desert Airman* is posted weekly at www.dm.af.mil/pa/news to ensure deployed Airmen are able to view their messages.

Each message should include: the recipient's name, the name of the person sending it and should not be more than 40 words in length. For messages in another language, please include the English translation.

For questions or concerns, send messages to the above e-mail address or call Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy at 228-5714.





Sonoran Spotlight

(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member — officer, enlisted or civilian — of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.)

This week's Sonoran Spotlight is Airman 1st Class Patrick Connor of the 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron. Airman Connor is a life support technician. According to his first sergeant, Master Sgt. Paul Myers, he was nominated for the spotlight because he, "consistently displays a sharp, can-do attitude."

The following are Airman Connor's responses to a variety of questions.

Hometown: Fort Pierce, Fla.

Why did you join the Air Force: Everyone I knew went in the Army. I did not want to be part of that developing trend.

Main job responsibilities: I inspect aircrew survival equipment.

Best aspects of the job: I am supporting life.

Career goals: I want to do 20 years of service and to get a degree on the side.

Hobbies: I enjoy playing music during my free time.

What has been your best assignment and why: Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. because it was on the beach.

If you were the base commander, what would you change? I would change nothing.

What is the best advice you've received in the Air Force? Save your money.



Photo by Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

Name someone who inspires you (or that you admire) and why: My Basic Military Training Instructor inspired me.

Airmen donate bicycles to needy

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Airmen began collecting new or slightly used bicycles in August as part of a Bicycles for Vets program.

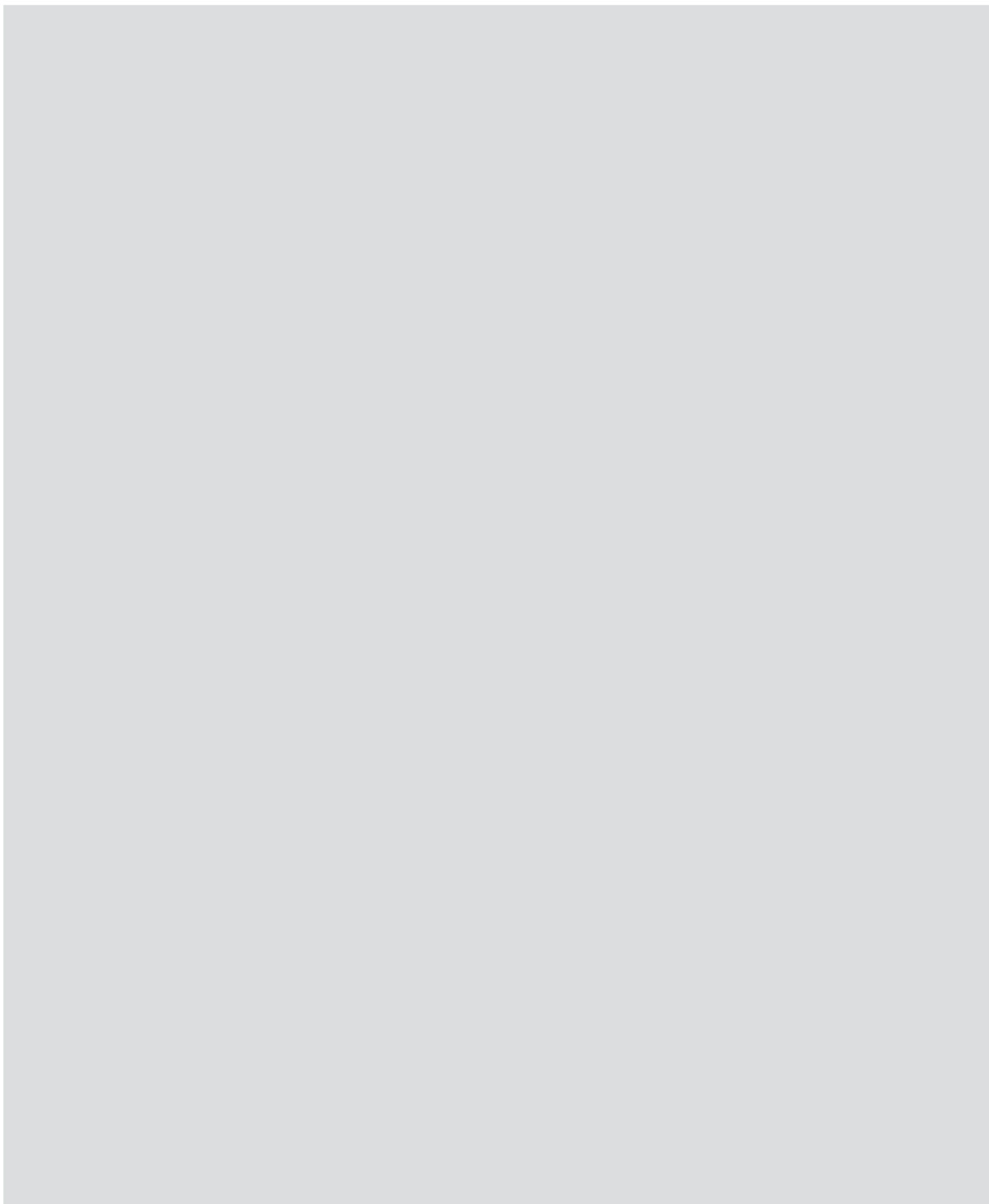
Donators provided approximately 12 bicycles which were donated to the Veterans Hospital's Families of Homeless Transition Program and to a program that assists veterans facing substance abuse problems.

"I would like to thank everyone involved in the Air Force Sergeants Association who helped with the Bicycle Drive," said Pauline Pennock, VA volunteer staff member.

"I wish everyone could see the joy you brought into these souls' hearts," Ms. Pennock said.

Donators to the drive gave two children's bicycles which were given as Christmas presents, Ms. Pennock said. "You made a wonderful Christmas that these children would not have had nor will they forget. I wish everyone involved with this program a wonderful new year."





Q & As with Col. Spencer

(Editor's Note: After commanding the 355th Wing for six months, Col. Michael Spencer shared his perspectives on Davis-Monthan during an interview with Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle, 355th Wing Public Affairs.)

Desert Airman: How has the Desert Lightning Team changed from when you first came here as vice commander versus now, as the wing commander?

Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander: The Desert Lightning Team continues to be a diverse and effective fighting force. Our Airmen continue to do great things for our Air Force every single day.

Desert Airman: Have your priorities for the wing changed over the last six months? If so, what are they?

Colonel Spencer: No. My priorities remain unchanged: develop and nurture Airmen, prepare to deploy when called, ready to fight when ordered and installation stewardship.

What many people may not know is I have a fifth basic mission task, one my group commanders and above help me with — engagement outside the fence line. I'm on a campaign engaging with all aspects of the Tucson community. I want these community wingmen to know every aspect of what this installation does while at home station and deployed. The majority of Tucsonians believe Davis-Monthan is all about A-10s. This installation is about much more than that. The Aircraft Maintenance and Regeneration Center is a national asset, 12th Air Force is the Air Component for U.S. Southern Command and has stood up a Combined Air and Space Operations Center that provides command and control throughout their area of responsibility 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Both the 55th Electronic Combat Group and 563rd Rescue Group are high-demand, low-density assets whose Airmen are always deployed, and we cannot forget our total force Guardsmen and Reservists on the installation.

This engagement strategy comes back to our most precious resource, our Airmen and their families. Some notable examples are the DM-50 Picnic, donations to the Davis-Monthan Enlisted Fund and the Military Affairs Committee, who recently approached me on what they can do for our Airmen.

Desert Airman: What are your expectations for the Desert Lightning Team regarding alcohol related incidents?

Colonel Spencer: My expectation is zero alcohol related incidents. Some may consider that goal as lofty, but we must go after it. Between Thanksgiving and Christmas, and Christmas and New Year's, we had four alcohol-related incidents. Alcohol-related incidents are not confined to driving under the influence and underage drinking. A by-product of alcohol related incidents can be domestic issues or self-destructive behavior. Proactive and aggressive leadership from supervisors, noncommissioned

officers, first sergeants, chiefs, officers, squadron commanders and group commanders are the key.

Our sight picture on this issue is simple — when every Airman leaves after work, they return to their place of duty at the appointed time. That requires an intimate understanding of what those below you are doing that evening, weekend, holiday, or leave. It also requires our Airmen and their peer group to step up and say, "Knock it off." We typically have a hard time remembering those we might have saved ... we always remember those we have lost.

Desert Airman: Haven't there been several ground-breaking programs at Davis-Monthan that paved the way for others to follow in our path?

Colonel Spencer: Yes there have been several! I had another wing commander call me and ask how we developed and implemented the extra-duty flight, which is the flight where Airmen who are going through rehabilitation contribute to installation stewardship during the weekend. ACC has shared our post deployment decompression framework as a model for others in the command. Finally, ACC recently published a policy guide to unaccompanied housing which models our Lightning Strike Force program in the dorms. Lightning Strike Force is where we randomly have NCOs and officers in the dorms to listen and act for our Airmen. We've been able to identify and fix a lot of problems in the dorms — it all comes back to people.

Desert Airman: What programs have you implemented are you the most proud of?

Colonel Spencer: Our Operational Readiness Exercise program. There was a time, not too long ago, where we would have had a very difficult time being ready to deploy and getting out of town. Those days are gone. In fact, the 563rd Rescue Group just concluded their Phase I Operational Readiness Inspection here at D-M last week. While the final grade hasn't been determined, the installation didn't miss a beat pushing those warriors out the door. We will have the opportunity to practice a no-notice Phase I soon — I'm confident this final test will show the entire wing is in fact ready to deploy and go fight when called.

The second program I am particularly proud of is the Lightning Strike Force. When the Lightning Strike Force team goes out on their random visits, our Airmen seek them out. They do that for a reason. They know Lightning Strike Force is there to listen to their concerns and fix problems in the dorm room. At the same time, it provides the Lightning Strike Force with the opportunity to talk about the thrift savings plan,



File photo

the consequences of poor decisions and find out what they're doing over the weekend to ensure they are back to work on Monday. What the Lightning Strike Force really does is build a stronger team. We've also implemented a program called Sustaining Expeditionary Airmen, where we take Airmen who are deploying and we augment their training to make sure they're prepared for the combat situations they might face. Before they deploy, we host a dinner where we brief them and their spouses on the support programs available to them at

D-M. While they're deployed, we keep in touch with them. When they return, we give them a hero's welcome. We give them a couple of days off and make everything as easy as possible for them. We also provide them the opportunity to go to life skills to speak with the providers there. Our Airmen and their families are prepared to deploy to the fullest extent of our abilities.

We also have a motorcycle safety program here to ensure our Airmen remain as safe as possible. To ride on base, a rider must complete the basic course we offer. Right now, we're starting a program where new riders will be paired with experienced riders. These mentors will work with newer riders until they feel they're ready for the intermediate course, where they will develop their safety and defensive driving skills even further.

Individually, we may not be able to accomplish a particular task but as a team, there are not many things we can't do. I'm a firm believer, 'If you take care of the people, the people will take care of the mission.' It starts in the dorms then it goes to the first-line supervisor and right up the chain.

Desert Airman: What would you like to see the Desert Lightning Team accomplish by the end of your tenure?

Colonel Spencer: It's really simple — I would like to see our Desert Lightning Team continue to meld into one tight family. To accomplish the Air Force mission it's going to take the whole team. From the group commanders on down to the first-line supervisors, every single Airman on this installation contributes, either directly or indirectly, to every single airplane that rolls down the runway. The Air Force is a technologically advanced service, and as we get leaner and smaller, we're going to rely more and more on technology. But technology can never replace our greatest asset, the men and women we know as Airmen.

Melding our team into a purpose driven family, defending liberties and freedoms of others all across the globe.

One team, one fight, the Desert Lightning family!

An in-depth look at Air Force Special Operations Command

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command
Public Affairs

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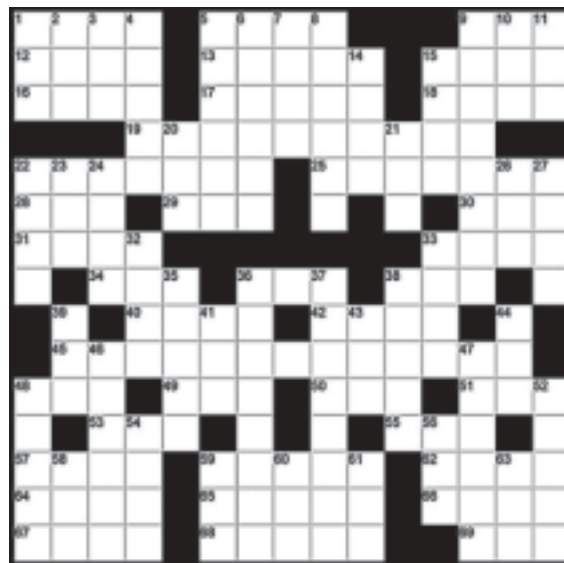
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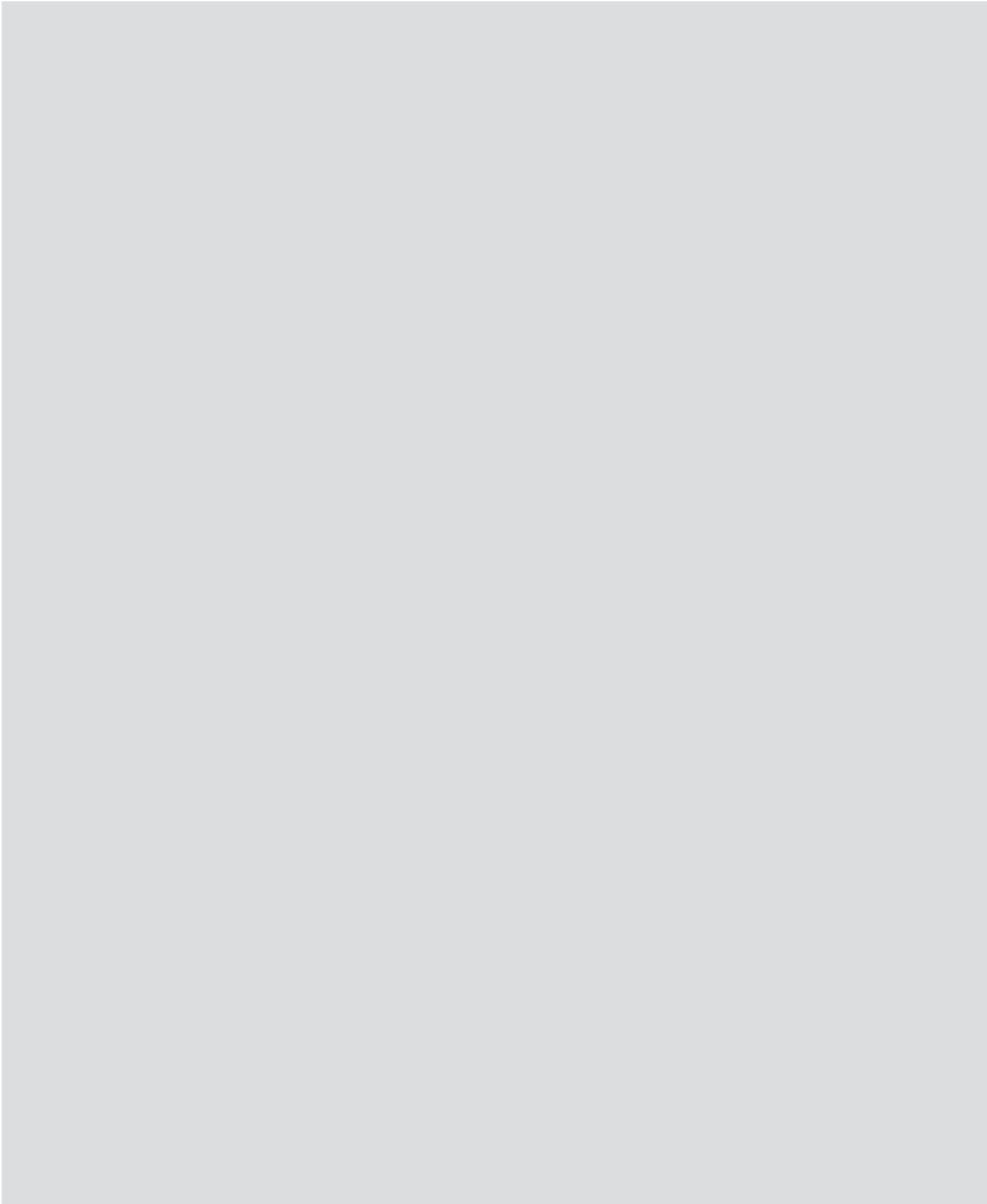
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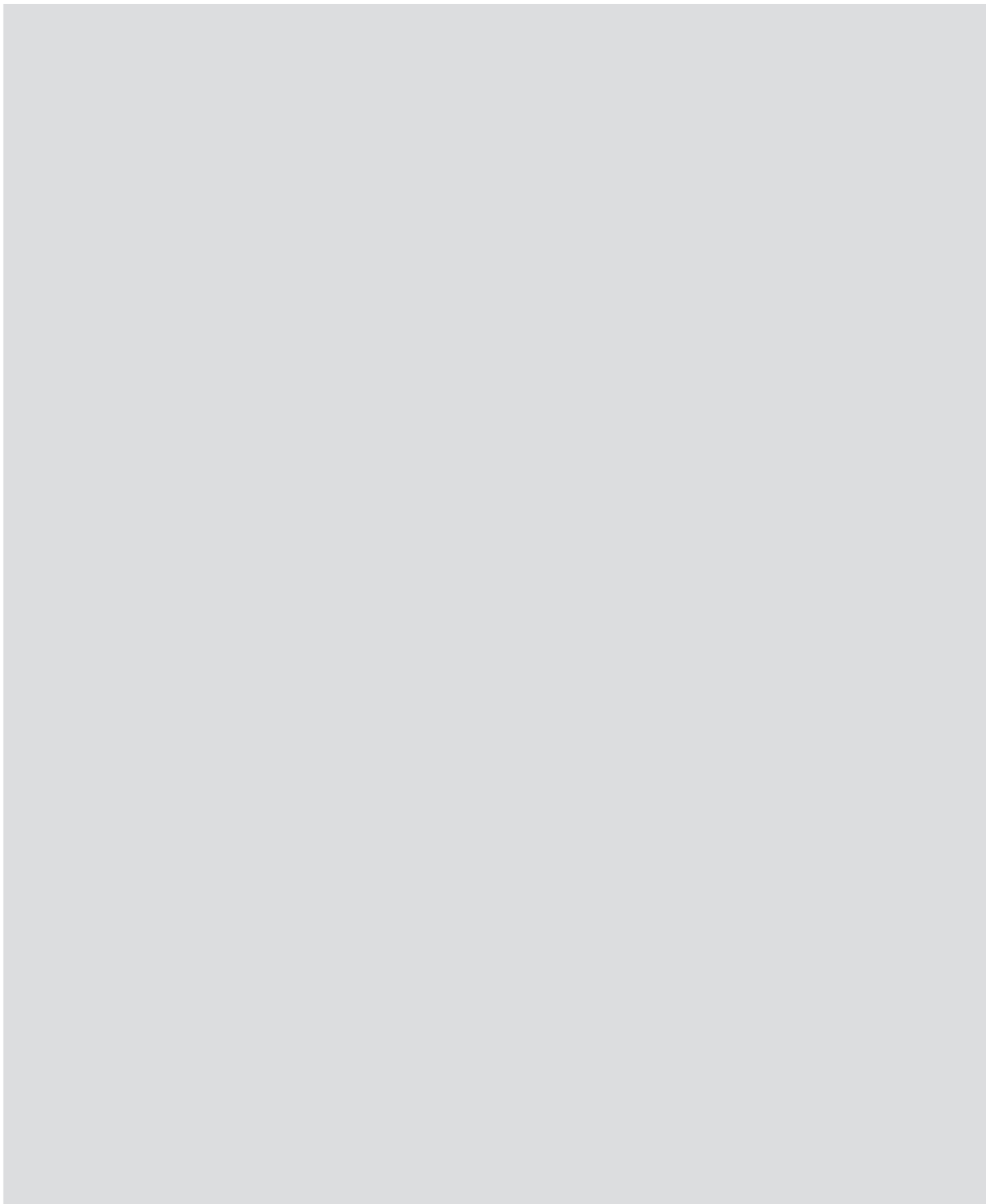
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(Solutions for this puzzle are located on Page 27.)

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Bowling perfection

Davis-Monthan bowler scores two 300 games in a row

By Stephanie Ritter
355th Wing Public Affairs

The weekly scratch league at Davis-Monthan began Jan. 19 like every other week. Bowlers from throughout the base community came together for the evening to bowl and enjoy each other's company. Little did they know that how one bowler viewed his personal capabilities would be different by the end of the evening.

Retired Senior Master Sgt. Kary Harris was playing head to head against Senior Master Sgt. Mike Niska, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron material superintendent. Mr. Harris ended the first game with a score of 258. It was a high score with no frames left open but Mr. Harris had bowled better during his career.

"I bowled my first 300 game on Valentine's night while stationed in California in 1990," Mr. Harris said. Currently, I have bowled 11 perfect games.

Mr. Harris improved his score during the second game when he scored 279. So far in the first two games, he had a total of 20 strikes, three spares and still no open frames.

And then it happened; Mr. Harris began bowling a streak of strikes few bowlers have achieved. Strike after strike, the pins fell. He achieved a perfect score during the third game and continued his streak into the fourth.

"He was like a machine out there," Sergeant Niska said. "He kept bowling the same way and hitting the same spot every time. Impressive does not even begin to sum it up."

And when the fourth game ended, Mr. Harris had reached a whole new level in his bowling career, two perfect games in a row. During the four games, he had hit 44 out of the possible 48 strikes.

"To bowl two perfect games in a row is unbelievable," Mr. Harris said. "I would have never imaged doing it and still don't believe it actually happened. It's an experience that I will never forget and wish every bowler who takes the game seriously could experience."

Even for his opponent during the night, the score was unbelievable.

"One perfect game is the pinnacle of

a career for a bowler," Sergeant Niska said. "I have never known a bowler to achieve two perfect games in a row; that is until that night."

And while Sergeant Niska said it may not have been great bowling against someone with such high scores, there was a definite advantage to the evening.

"Seeing someone that nice, who is such a great bowler obtain that kind of achievement was incredible," Sergeant Niska said.

According to Mr. Harris, these types of scores have been a long time coming.

"I have been bowling since I was 12 years old when I averaged a whopping 100 even," Mr. Harris said. "My parents got me into bowling and I took a real interest in it. By age 18, I was averaging 190. So far, my highest book average has been 232, which I did last year. Who knows, I might beat it this year if I keep this up."

Mr. Harris is also curious if his accomplishment is unusual across the country.

"I submitted my 1,137 series to the American Bowling Congress to see if it is the highest four game series shot this year," Mr. Harris said.

And to those interested in obtaining what Mr. Harris reached Jan. 19, his advice is simple; practice, practice, practice.

"If you want to be good at anything you have to make sacrifices," Mr. Harris said. "I used to practice everyday at lunch time and two hours on the weekends. Now, I bowl two nights a week in league and participate in tournaments, time permitting."

"Bowling is a great sport because of the interaction with other people, the challenges of scoring on all kinds of conditions and the excitement of winning tournaments," Mr. Harris said.



Sports Shorts

Golf Tournament

Feb. 5, The Black Heritage Association will host a golf tournament in honor of Black Heritage Month. This is the 15th annual event. The tournament will begin at noon with a shotgun start. Check-in time is between 11 and 11:45 a.m. The team handicap will be divided by four. First through sixth place teams will receive prizes. Closest to the hole on par threes and longest drive will also receive prizes. The entry fee of \$40 per person and includes a Texas barbecue special and beverage as well as green

and cart fees. The field is limited to the first 132 paid entries by noon Feb. 5. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Ventrus Boyd at 228-5444.

Super Bowl Party

The 355th Mission Support Squadron will sponsor the first Underage Drinking Task Force event of the year during a Super Bowl Party at the Desert Lightning Community Center Feb. 6. The game will begin at 4 p.m. Doors open for the event at noon. Entry is free. For more information, call 228-3717.

Fitness Center Classes

The following list includes classes offered at both fitness centers with class fees if applicable. For more information, call 228-0021.

Monday

6 to 6:30 a.m. - Stomach Aerobics - Fitness Center
11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - FC
11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haefner
Noon to 1 p.m. - Spinning - Haefner
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - Haefner
5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, white and yellow belts) - FC
6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, orange belts and up) - FC
6 to 7 p.m. - Yoga - \$2 - Haefner
7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (15 years plus) - FC

Tuesday

Noon to 1 p.m. - Circuit Training - Haefner
Noon to 1 p.m. - Shallow Water Aerobics - \$1.50 or \$25 for 20 classes - Outdoor Recreational Pool
5 to 6 p.m. - Spinning (Intense) - \$2 - Haefner
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - FC
6 to 7 p.m. - Pilates - \$2 - FC
6 to 8 p.m. - Self Defense (Kyokushin) - \$25/month - FC

Wednesday

6 to 6:30 a.m. - Stomach Aerobics - Haefner
11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - FC
11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haefner
Noon to 1 p.m. - Deep Water Aerobics - \$1.50 or \$25 for 20 classes - Outdoor Recreational Pool
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - Haefner
5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, orange belts and up) - FC
6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, white and yellow belts) FC
6 to 7 p.m. - Yoga - \$2 - Haefner
7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (Adults) - FC

Thursday

Noon to 1 p.m. - Circuit Training - Haefner
Noon to 1 p.m. - Shallow Water Aerobics - \$1.50 or \$25 for 20 classes - Outdoor Recreational Pool
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - FC
5 to 6 p.m. - Spinning (Intense) - Haefner
6 to 7 p.m. - Pilates - \$2 - Haefner
6 to 8 p.m. - Kyokushin - \$25/month - FC

Friday

6 to 6:30 a.m. - Stomach Aerobics - FC
11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - FC
11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haefner
Noon to 1 p.m. - Deep Water Aerobics - \$1.50 or \$25 for 20 classes - Outdoor Recreational Pool
Noon to 1 p.m. - Spinning - Haefner
5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8 to 14 yrs, white and yellow belt) - FC
6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8 to 14 yrs, orange belts and up) FC
7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (Adults) - FC

Saturday

10 to 11 a.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - FC

Sunday

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - FC

Fitness and Sports Center Pool

The indoor pool is open Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 228-0015.

Outdoor Recreational Pool

The outdoor pool will close Sunday until May 1. Lap swimmers are welcome to use the Fitness and Sports Center's Pool. For more information, call 228-0015.

Sports Shorts

Free Throw Championship

The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Free Throw Championship Feb. 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Fitness and Sports Center. The Championship is open to boys and girls who were 10 to 14 years old as of Jan. 1. Rules and entry forms are available at these base facilities: chapel, fitness centers, youth center and Borman and Smith Elementary schools. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Nick Barana at 228-2885.

Desert Oasis Super Bowl

The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club will host a Football Frenzy Super Bowl party Feb. 6. There will be prizes, snacks, drink specials, hundreds of dollars in prizes and a Super Bowl Buffet. The club will also announce the winners of the grand prize Jeep Wrangler, deluxe barbecue gas grill and an X-Box game. The Super Bowl buffet will feature barbecue brisket, chicken, baked beans and more. Entry is free for members and one guest, non-

members pay \$5. The buffet is \$6.95 for children and adults and member's receive a \$1 discount plus the use of a Services Buck. The doors open at 3 p.m. and the game starts at 4 p.m. Drawings for grand prizes will be from Football Frenzy entries submitted during 2004 Monday Night games. For more information, call 228-3100.

Swim Team meeting

Parents of children on the new D-M Swim Team are invited to a meeting Saturday to discuss specifics about the team. Information covered includes the cost, practices and more. Parents are invited to gain information and ask questions. For more information, call Billy Vinuesa at 228-3759.

Umpires needed

The Pantano Little League is seeking individuals interested in being volunteer umpires. The job entails learning the rules of little league and attending training clinics for the position of umpire. The training includes mechanics and rule interpretation. Games begin in April. The volunteer should have respect for the game of base-

ball, the managers, coaches and the young boys and girls who look up to the adult volunteers. All volunteers must complete a volunteer application form, which is available at <http://eteamz.active.com/pantano/littleleague>. For more information, call 722-0474 or send an e-mail to respectthegame@earthlink.net.

8-Ball Tournament

There will be an 8-Ball Tournament Feb. 26 in the D-M dorms from 7 p.m. to midnight. Individuals and partners are welcome to participate. Top finishers will receive prizes. To sign up, contact a dorm president. For more information, send an e-mail to Capt. Caronwyn Jones at caronwyn.jones@dm.af.mil.

Trail ride

There is a trip to Fort Huachuca for a two-hour horseback trail ride through the Huachuca Mountains Feb. 26. After the ride there will be a barbecue dinner. Participants must be at least 7 years old and should bring plenty of water and dress for the weather. The cost is \$25 and includes transportation, dinner and the ride. For more information, call 228-4491.

Standings

Basketball

Monday/Wednesday under 30

Team	W-L-T
355 AMXS 1	2-0-0
ANG	2-0-0
755 AMXS	2-1-0
ARMY	2-1-0
41 ECS	1-1-0
CES	1-1-0
563 MXS 1	1-2-0
755 OSS	0-2-0
EMS	0-3-0

Monday/Wednesday over 30

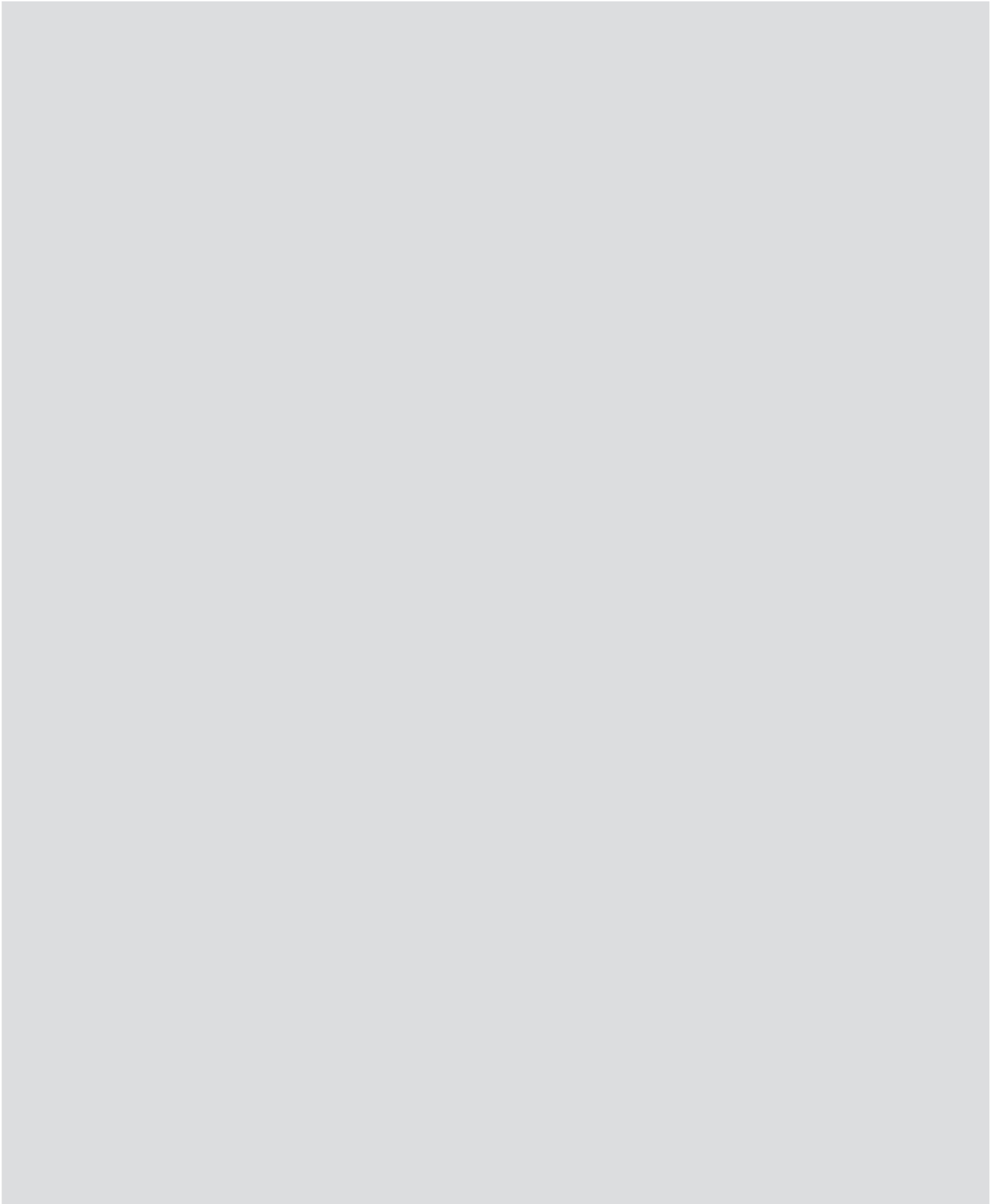
Med Gp	3-0-0
755 AMXS	3-1-0
355 AMXS	1-2-0
CMS	1-2-0
LRS	0-3-0

Tuesday/Thursday under 30

CMS	1-2-0
SVS	1-0-0
SFS	2-1-0
Med Gp	2-1-0
355 AMXS 2	2-1-0
355 OSS	2-2-0
LRS	1-1-0
DECA	0-1-0
563 MXS 2	0-3-0
CS	0-3-0

Tuesday/Thursday over 30

SVS	4-0-0
CONS	2-2-0
CPTS	1-3-0
CS	1-3-0



Chapel Information

Services and activities offered by the D-M chapel are listed below. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services; Sunday School programs; Vacation Bible School; Bible studies; youth groups; and ministries, call 228-5411.

Catholic Mass schedule

Saturday: First Saturday Mass at 9 a.m. in Hope Chapel. The Mass will be followed by a breakfast fellowship. For more information, call Jeff Morgan at 574-2567.

Mass is at 5 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 4:30 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Sunday: Mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 9:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Daily: Mass is at 11:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Rosary begins at 11:10 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Protestant Services schedule

Sunday: Contemporary Service is at 9:45 a.m. and Gospel Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Traditional Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Special service

The Protestant Community will join together for a special service Sunday at 11:30 a.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel. The service, hosted by the Protestant Women of the Chapel, will serve as the sole Protestant service this Sunday only. The service will be followed by a fellowship meal.

Education Services

BTES Testing Center

The priority for the Base Training and Education Services Testing Center is as follows: mandatory Career Development Courses, Professional Military Education, academic testing and, on a space available basis, proctored testing from distance learning schools. During academic testing sessions, active duty military personnel have priority over other personnel. For more information, call Phil King at 228-3812 or Marie Hanna at 228-0669.

Spouses to Teachers

The pilot program of Spouses to Teachers has been extended another year by the Defense Activity for Non-traditional Education Support. The program helps spouses begin careers as teachers in California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Texas and Virginia. Additional states will be added after Oct. 1. For more information, visit www.SpousesToTeachers.org.

Washington State University

The WSU has launched an online Instructional Design Graduate Certificate Program for those interested in gaining design, media development and assessment skills and for those who work with the Web, information systems, in education or in training environments. For more information, contact David Cillay at dcillay@wsu.edu or at (800) 942-4978 or (509) 335-5188.

Scholarship for spouses

The Aerospace Education Foundation will offer

a \$1,000 scholarship for spouses of Air Force active-duty, Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve. Spouses who are Air Force members, in the Reserve Officer Training Corps or received a spouse scholarship in the past, are not eligible. The deadline is March 31. For more information, visit www.aef.org/aid/spouse.asp.

Family Support Center

Pre-separation Counseling

This class will take place at the D-M Family Support Center Tuesday and Feb. 8 from 9 to 10 a.m. This mandatory class will acquaint departing Airmen with services and agencies available to help them transition to the civilian workforce. The class size is limited to 20 attendees and should be scheduled no later than 90 days before separating. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Smooth Move

The Family Support Center will conduct a Smooth Move briefing Wednesday from 8 to 11:30 a.m. in Building 3200, Room. 266. This briefing helps individuals prepare for their next permanent change of station assignment. For reservations, call 228-5690.

Resume, Interview Workshops

These workshops are Feb. 4 in Building 3200, Room 266 and cover the basic information to help prepare individuals for their next job. The Resume Workshop will be from 9 to 11 a.m. and the Interview Workshop will be from noon to 2 p.m. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Right Start Base Orientation

Right Start Base Orientation is designed to welcome all newcomers to Davis-Monthan and the Tucson area. Leadership and base agencies discuss a variety of programs and services available. The next orientation is Feb. 8 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. Free childcare is available but must be

arranged ahead of time. For more information, or to sign up, call 228-5690.

Happenings

The Niagra Movement

The following are several of the events the D-M Black Heritage Association is hosting to honor Black History Month. Feb. 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., there will be a luncheon at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. Feb. 7 through 11 there will be Love of Reading events at Lowell-Smith Elementary School and the base child development centers. For more regarding these events, contact Tech. Sgt. Robin Hawkins at 228-2688 or Tech. Sgt. Robin Boyd at 228-5620.

Feb. 18 there will be an ethnic food tasting called Taste and Tones at the Hope Chapel Feb. 18 from 11 to 1 p.m. For more information regarding this event, call Staff Sgt. Keri Mejias at 228-3520 or Staff Sgt. Nikesha Perryman at 228-5411.

DeCa Scholarships

The Defense Commissary Agency is still accepting applications to the Scholarships for Military Children program. The deadline for the \$1,500 scholarships is Feb. 16. At least one scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants. For more information, visit www.commissaries.com, www.militaryscholar.org or visit the base commissary.

Technology show

A free technology show will be held Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the community center. The event will showcase some of the latest technology in computers, graphics and more. For more information, call (888) 282-2262.

Tucson Gem and Mineral Show

Active duty and their family will receive free admission to the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show Feb. 12 at the Tucson Convention Center. E-mail suesjones@wans.net for more information.

Movies

Admission is for Department of Defense ID card holders and their guests only. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12 and senior citizens. For the theater movie recording, call 228-5694.

Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.

Closer, R — Set in contemporary London, this is the story of the lives of two couples, Julia Roberts and Clive Owen, and Jude Law and Natalie Portman, who engage in a story of love and commitment. Their lives are permanently altered, however, when two of them have a passionate affair. *1 hour, 44 minutes*



Sunday at 7 p.m.

Flight of the Phoenix, PG-13 — When a C-119 cargo plane full of oil workers crashes in Mongolia's Gobi Desert during a sandstorm, the survivors attempt to build a new plane from the parts they find in the wreckage to escape. The plane was piloted by Captain Frank Towns, an employee of oil company Geodel, whose job it is to go to remote oil rigs and shut them down when their productivity has decreased. Having accomplished his job with one such rig, his plane crashes with all of the employees aboard on the way back to Beijing. *1 hour, 53 minutes*



Services Activities

Information for the Services Activities section courtesy of Chris Sweeney, 355th Services Squadron. For questions regarding this information, contact him at 228-7352.

Valentine's Day balloons, gifts

The Desert Lightning Community Center's Fifth Street Balloon Shop has more than 18 different balloon bouquets and gift packages available for Valentine's Day. Gifts range in price from \$7.75 to \$31.25 and contain a variety of new items to compliment each gift package including balloons, treats, mugs, stuffed animals, dolls, candy and much more. Order a pre-made package or create a unique gift. This year's early bird special is for the first 50 customers who place and pay for their order; they will receive a free \$5 lunch coupon for Stormy's Cafe. Deliveries are available on base for \$2. Deliveries will be made Feb. 14. Squadron deliveries will be from 8 a.m. to noon and deliveries to base housing residents will be from noon to 2 p.m. Those who are interested in placing an order are encouraged to order early for best gift selections. For more information, call 228-3500 or 228-3717.

ACC Dollar Days dinner

All club members and their family members are invited to another Air Combat Command Dollar Days family dinner at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club Feb. 10 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Enjoy a buffet dinner for \$1.

During ACC Dollar Days events, members are treated to \$1 lunches and family nights quarterly. The ACC Dollar Days are "all ranks" events.

Dollar Days is an ACC supplement program to the Air Force level "Members First" program. With "Members First," club members receive discounts on food purchases and special functions, including holiday buffets and dinners, and on all pro-rated special functions. Members even save 10 percent on all personal functions booked at the club including weddings and birthdays. There is also a special program that provides discounts of 15 to 30 percent at more than 4,000 hotels nationwide. All the more reason to become a member.

Not a member but would like to start enjoying great benefits today? Simply fill out an application available at every Dollar Days event and become a member instantly. Individuals who sign up will also pick up \$10 (for enlisted) or \$15 (for officers) in Services Bucks when they join and will instantly become eligible for dozens of other club benefits, promotions and prizes. For more information, call 228-3100.

Community Center Bingo

Feb. 6 and March 6, the community center will hold special Sunday Family Bingo games from 1 to 3 p.m. The center also hosts Bingo games every Tuesday. Doors open at 5 p.m., early bird games start at 6:30 p.m. Participants must be 18 years old to play Tuesday games. There are cash prizes and Jackpots from \$50 to \$1,000. For more information, call 228-3717 or stop by the center in Building 4201.

Lunch, brunch at The Desert Oasis

While The Mirage Officers' Club undergoes major renovations until July 2005 to build a new

base conference center, club patrons can enjoy an "all ranks" lunch buffet in The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club ballroom from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. For lunch, customers can choose from daily buffets and specials. Members receive a \$2 discount plus they can use a Services Buck, making the entire lunch total only \$4.85.

If a full buffet is too much, the club also offers a soup and salad bar. Get your Members First "Lunch Bunch" card punched each time and the sixth lunch is free. In addition to the weekday lunches, The Desert Oasis will also offer a Champagne Sunday Brunch from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

During renovations, the Mirage Poly Bar and Barber Shop will remain open. Cabanas Restaurant in The Desert Oasis will also continue normal operating hours. Any questions concerning the clubs can be directed to The Desert Oasis at 228-3100.

Valentine's Day Gifts

The gift shop at the Davis-Monthan Arts and Crafts Center has a variety of gifts for Valentine's Day. They have baskets which contain items including sparkling cider, glasses, a candle, plates, cheese, crackers and other such items needed for a picnic. The cost of the baskets begin at \$20. Delivery is free on base for orders of Valentines merchandise over \$15.

Those who are interested in purchasing items are encouraged to shop early for the best selection. While there, check out the selection of all occasion gifts including silk flower arrangements, coffee mugs and unique custom gift baskets. For more information, call 228-4385.

PHONE NUMBERS

Sherry Jones Manager/Caterer 228-3100
Robert Johnson Chef 228-3100
MAIN OFFICE: 228-3100 or 228-3311
BARBER SHOP: 748-8008

Party in the Poly Bar every Friday from 4pm to close. Enjoy Social Hour w/food from 5-7pm and Karaoke with Desi from 5-9pm. Members only.

The Mirage
DAVIS-MONTHAN AFB
Poly Bar

Jan 28 - Triple T Nights in the Poly Bar!
Bar opens at 4pm. Free Tacos, Tequila specials for club members

Feb 3 - Thursday Poly Bar Social Hour, reduced drink prices from 5-7pm

Feb 4 - Triple T Nights in the Poly Bar!

Feb 10 - Thursday Poly Bar Social Hour

PHONE NUMBERS

Susan King Club Manager 228-3100
Sharon Gibson Admin. Assistant 228-3100
MAIN OFFICE: 228-3100
BARBER SHOP: 748-8710
CABANAS: 747-3234

Thursday Mug & Mic Night!
Drink Specials All Night
Mug Night - 6-8pm
Bring your own mug and receive your choice of draft beer or soda (\$2.00 limit) for \$1.75
Don't have a Mug? Come in and inquire how to get one!

Open Mic Night - 6-11pm
Play your instrument, sing your song, or test your comic skills!

Desert Oasis

Cabanas
SUN & SAND

Now through July the Desert Oasis will host the weekday lunch specials while the Officers' Club undergoes renovation

\$7.85 WEEKDAY LUNCH SPECIALS!

From 11:00-1:00 (members receive a \$2.00 discount) To 1:00-1:30

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CLOSED	Chef's Choice	BBQ Buffet	Tee's Fabulous Pasta Station	Catfish buffet & Meatloaf

Cabanas Special every Sunday
Two 12" one topping pizzas with two 16oz sodas for \$13.99

LUNCH SPECIAL
from 10:30am-1:30pm
Cabanas January Lunch Time Special - BBQ Beef Sandwich with Fries or Tossed Salad and Soda \$5.95

T.G.I.F. Open until 2am every Friday!

Jan 28 - T.G.I.F. Social Hour, draft beer & drink specials from 5-7pm & food from 5-6pm. DJ Dave rocks from 6-10pm. DJ Insayne Payne heats up the house from 10pm-2am!

Jan 30 - Champagne Sunday Brunch from 10-1pm. All your favorite breakfast and lunch entrees!

Feb 2 - Why Not Wednesdays! Chili Bar, 5-6pm, Social Hour, 5-7pm! Also Boss & Buddy Night! Enjoy cards, pool, dominos, music

Feb 3 - Mug and Mic Night! Open mic from 6-11pm, Mug Night from 6-8pm, doors open at 3pm. Drink specials all night long!

Note: There will be a \$5 cover charge on Fridays from 9pm-2am for all eligible non-members.

XXXIX PARTY
Fo the French
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 4PM



